



## **NYE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

**June 8, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Blundo  
Commissioner John Koenig  
Mr. Tim Carlo

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF: Mr. Tim Dahl  
Ms. Lynnette Atkinson

Commissioner Blundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

### **COMMISSIONER/MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Tim Carlo asked Mr. Dahl if he has seen a drop in the Gas Tax due to the Stay at Home order. Mr. Dahl stated that he hasn't seen any downturn yet. Savannah Rucker, Nye County Comptroller, stated that she looked at the Gas Tax figures this morning and she saw a significant difference in sales for the month of March which is about 65% of what we projected. Commissioner Koenig asked that we hear Item 6 before we discuss Item 5.

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Discussion and decision regarding the approval of the Minutes for the February 10, 2020 Meeting.**

Commissioner Koenig motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Carlo second the motion. Approved.

### **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION- to approve the Fiscal Year 20/21 RTC ¼ cent (10208) and 9 cent (10207) Budgets.**

Mr. Dahl Stated that this year's Budget is primarily the same as it was last year. We have some pavement preservation projects we intend to work on. He also stated that we have some larger projects coming up that we are going to start work on like Bell Vista and he is hoping to get the NFLAP Grant for that. Commissioner Blundo stated that he is excited about that Grant. He also asked how much in funds are we going to have for projects moving forward and hoe much is in our pockets right now.

Savannah Rucker, Nye County Comptroller stated that the last two pages of the back up are the ones she will be discussing. Column 1 is the actual ending year figures and column 2 is the estimated ending year figures. Savannah built a projected shortfall of -9.4 % in revenue as a direct result of Covid. The ending fund balance in column 1 carries over to the new fiscal year. Savannah stated that she used the same shortfall for both 10208 and 10207.

Commissioner Blundo commented that on the ¼ cent there is about a million left and on the 9 cent there is about a million and a half, leaving 2.5 million going forward. Mr. Dahl stated yes. Commissioner Blundo asked if this is going to affect our current projects.

Mr. Dahl stated that he wants to move forward with the projects that are already approved for this FY. Mr. Dahl stated that currently they are working on the bids for Powerline and Anvil and they are going to require some additional funding, or they will need to change the scope of work. Mr. Dahl asked that the Board approve that at a couple hundred thousand dollars higher than what was anticipated. Commissioner Blundo asked if that would come out of the 2.5 million. Mr. Dahl stated no, he thinks he may have found another funding source. Mr. Dahl stated that he doesn't want to take away any funding that we have available for that area and put it just in those two roads.

Commissioner Koenig asked where the Chipseal Program funds are located within this Budget. Mr. Dahl stated that Chipseal can come from Pavement Preservation & Materials and also from the 2.5 million that Blundo mentioned. Koenig asked when the Chipseal Program will be started. Mr. Dahl stated that he is still deciding on whether to do the Program in house or take it out to bid. Mr. Dahl stated that sending it out to bid will be more of a cost, but it will free up the Road guys to work on the other maintenance issues around town.

Commissioner Blundo asked what the budget was reduced by from last year. Savannah stated that 10207 is a 2% decline and 10208 is 8.5%. Blundo asked Mr. Dahl how much in funds are we looking at to spend for the Chipseal Program. Mr. Dahl stated that \$500,000.00 would give us a great start and allow us to take care of the worst of the roads. Blundo suggested \$300,000.00. Mr. Dahl stated that those numbers would only give us about a mile to a mile and a half of Chip.

Mr. Dahl would like to do as many roads as he can. He also reminded the Board that they have already approved to do Quail Run and Cabo. Mr. Dahl also stated that some of these roads are not accepted for maintenance, mainly those in subdivisions.

Commissioner Koenig asked to see a list of roads that can get done for the \$350,000.00 and a list of roads that can get done for \$500,000.00.

Mr. Carlo asked how much it would cost per mile and he would like to have those numbers included with the list of roads for the next meeting. Mr. Dahl stated that he can provide a list. He also stated that he would like to have a buffer in there to accommodate those that will come forward once we announce the Chipseal Program so that we can take care of their needs also. Mr. Carlo stated that he likes the idea of comparing the costs of doing it in house or taking it out to bid. Mr. Carlo stated that there are over 2700 miles of road the Road Department has to maintain and by taking this out to bid it frees them up to take care of the needs of maintenance requests like tree trimming and mowing.

Commissioner Blundo asked this Board to consider cutting back to \$40,000.00 on the Transportation fund going forward. Mr. Carlo asked when the Transportation program will be self-sustainable and not require using the RTC Funds.

Commissioner Blundo would like to have them here again and have a full presentation before we give them anymore money.

Commissioner Koenig motioned to approve the FY20/21 RTC Budget. Tim Carlo second.

Approved. Mr. Dahl asked if that was with no changes. Koenig motioned yes.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION- 1.) Approve the Pahrump Valley Public Transportation request to purchase one Mini Van to be utilized by the Public Transportation System in Nye County 2.) Authorize Tim Dahl to approve the invoice when available, not to exceed \$27,988.68 and process the payment from the FY19/20 RTC ¼ cent Fund.**

Commissioner Koenig motioned to approve this item. Mr. Carlo second. Approved.

In further discussion Mr. Dahl suggested that maybe we should look at something else besides minivans every year, for example there is a Ford transit wagon that seats 9 or 12 passengers and feels that it would be more efficient.

Mr. Eric Whalen from Pahrump Valley Transportation stated that he looked into those and that they are going to be receiving 2 of those this year in July from NDOT.

Commissioner Blundo stated that he is disappointed that these things come to the board at the last minute and feels that this money can be better spent elsewhere and there are other State purchasing programs that the Pahrump Valley Transportation System can use.

Mr. Whalen stated that the Pahrump Senior Center is developing their own Senior transportation program which means that they will be taking 5 of our vehicles for that program and that puts him in a crunch.

Mr. Dahl asked the Board to specify what vehicle to purchase out of the 5 bids. Commissioner Koenig stated to purchase the one that they want.

Mr. Whalen stated that during Covid they expanded their hours and were busier than they have ever been.

**ACTION: to set the time and date of next meeting.**

Commissioner Koenig motioned for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am. Tim Carlo second. Motion Approved.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: (second)**

No public comment.

**ADJOURN:**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynnette Atkinson